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FOR USIA DIRECTOR KEOGH FROM AMBASSADOR GATES

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SUBJECT: THE BICENTENNIAL IN PEKING

1. MY STAFF AND I ARE VERY IMPRESSED BY, AND GRATEFUL FOR, THE EXCELLENT SUPPORT BOTH USIA AND USIS HONG KONG HAVE GIVEN USLO'S CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL.

2. THE HANDSOME BICENTENNIAL DISPLAY AT THE RESIDENCE, FURTHER ENLIVENED BY VTR'S, PROVIDED JUST THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT FOR RECEIVING CHINESE OFFICIALS AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. THERE WERE MANY COMPLIMENTS FROM BOTH GROUPS. OUR AMERICAN FEATURE FILM WEEK (TWO FILMS AT THE RESIDENCE, THREE AT THE PEKING INTERNATIONAL CLUB), WHICH STARTED JULY 3, IS ALSO PROVING SUCCESSFUL; I AM ESPECIALLY GRATIFIED BY THE STRONG INTEREST OF AMBASSADORS INCLUDING THOSE FROM "THIRD WORLD" COUNTRIES.

3. PLEASE CONVEY USLO'S WARM THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL IN YOUR ORGANIZATION WHOSE ALERT AND CREATIVE EFFORTS CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO MAKING OBSERVANCE OF THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL IN PEKING THE OUTSTANDING EVENT IT DESERVED TO BE.

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